GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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GROWTH OF FORESTS IN MAHARASHTRA
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have conducted or propose to conduct any survey on growth of forests in the country especially in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government of Maharashtra has submitted a proposal regarding growth of forest;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which the said proposal is likely to be approved ?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R.BAALU)

(a)& (b) Yes, Sir. Forest Survey of India has been assessing forest cover of the country biennially since 1987 using satellite data. As per the recently published State of Forest Report, 1999, forest cover in the country and Maharashtra has increased by 3896 sq.km and 529 sq.km respectively.

(c),(d) & (e) Fourteen projects have been sanctioned within an outlay of Rs.2223.27 lakhs for the State of Maharashtra during the 9th Five Year Plan for treating 25003 ha. In addition, eight projects have been received under Samanvit Gram Vanikaran Samridhi Yojana with the proposed outlay of Rs.6892.39 lakhs in August, 2000. These proposals have not been prepared as per the guidelines and cost norms of the scheme. Their approval is subject to the proposals being revised appropriately by the State Government.